



Zero Waste Arlington Committee



Summary of Report to Town Meeting 2024

Presented by Jim Ballin, Committee Member



Single Use Waste Reduced at Town Day

- Free MWRA drinking water truck
- Reduce Single Use reusable takeout container pilot program
- Programs reduced waste at Town Day:
 - 500+ single use beverage bottles
 - 110+ single use takeout containers
 - 1 barrel of compost



Plastics Reduction Subcommittee

- Arlington On Tap
 - Advocating, planning, and implementing water bottle filling stations around town
 - Water fillers at Swan Place, Hurd Field, and Thorndike field
 - Coming in 2024: New units at Arlington Reservoir and Robbins Farm park

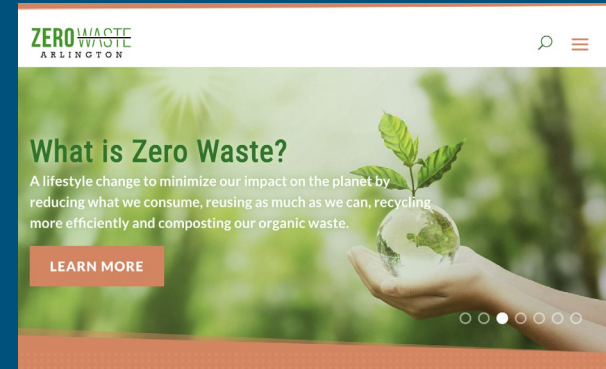


Legislative Subcommittee

- Tracking and advocating for waste and recycling-related legislation in the State House
- Member of Plastic Free Mass Coalition to promote state legislation
- Article 64 - Producer Responsibility resolution to 2023 TM
 - Shifts burden to consumer product manufacturers
- Expanding the MA bottle bill
 - Would add non-carbonated beverages, wine bottles, energy drinks

Outreach & Education

- Restaurant outreach
 - Skip the Stuff - National campaign to reduce single use plastic
- Composting Pilot
- Website traffic has increased; Facebook followers are up, as are members on the ZWA Google Group



Solid Waste - household waste reduction

- Textiles diverted from waste stream
 - 429,320 lbs (up by 57,555) through the Bay State Textile program earning Arlington Schools \$24,738
- Solid Waste Hauled
 - 10,900 (down by 400) tons of solid waste and 4,837 (down by 120) tons of recyclables
- Reuse & Recycle Center
 - Swap Shed is hugely popular with regular open hours and dedicated volunteers
 - Processes large plastics, Styrofoam, electronics, batteries

Solid Waste - How are we doing?



In 2023

10,900 tons trash
4,837 tons recyclables
3,390 tons yard waste
429,320 lbs of textiles

Members

- Jim Ballin
- Margie Bell
- Jennifer Campbell
- Emily Dertz
- Paul Goldberg
- Sarah Kmetz
- Scott Mullen
- Amy Speare
- Priya Sankalia (co-chair)
- Larry Slotnick (co-chair)

In coordination with Charlotte Milan, Recycling Coordinator

Learn More

- Check out our website - www.zerowastearlington.org
- Follow us on Facebook
- Join our email list
- Come to our meetings - 3rd Thursday of every month
- We are always looking for volunteers!